

A God Centered Life

In the grand tapestry of divine revelation, each thread weaves a story of grace, judgment, and redemption. From the breath of life in Genesis 2:7 to the living waters in Revelation 22:1, the Scriptures unfold a narrative centered on the Almighty, a God-centered life that beckons every soul towards eternity's embrace. In the midst of life's tempests, Psalm 42:8 reminds us of the Lord's unfailing love, which commands His song over us by night, a prayer to the God of our lives.

Consider the faith of Abraham in Romans 4:17, who against all hope, believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, as it was told, "So shall thy seed be." His faith did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief; rather, he was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God. This same faith is echoed in the assurance of 1 John 5:16, where we are encouraged to pray for those who sin, that they may find life.

The wisdom literature offers its jewels too, with Ecclesiastes 8:15 commending the enjoyment of life, for there is nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and find satisfaction in one's toil—this is the gift of God. Yet, it also warns in Ecclesiastes 8:12 that though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, it will not be well with the wicked, nor will they prolong their days like a shadow, for they do not fear God.

The law and the prophets, represented by passages like Galatians 3:21 and 1 Samuel 25:29, reveal a God who is just yet merciful, a God who desires obedience but also offers protection. The law is not against the promises of God, for if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would indeed have come by the law. And as Abigail spoke to David, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the Lord your God.

In the historical books, we find stories of healing and restoration, as in 2 Kings 5:7, where a king is confounded by the request to cure leprosy, yet it is Elisha who demonstrates the power of God to heal and redeem. Similarly, in Ezra 9:9, despite the people's bondage, God has extended mercy to them, giving them a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

The epistles, like Ephesians 5:2, call us to walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. This love is the very essence of a God-centered life, a life that mirrors the sacrificial love of Christ.

In the prophetic visions of Revelation, we see the culmination of God's plan, where in Revelation 20:4, thrones are set, and judgment is given, and those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. It is a vision of hope and victory, a testament to the enduring truth that God's purposes will prevail.

Each verse, from 1 Timothy 6:13 to 2 Samuel 14:14, from Ezra 9:8 to Ecclesiastes 6:2, and from 1 Kings 20:39 to Hebrews 7:3, is a beacon that guides us to a life anchored in the divine. They speak of a God who is intimately involved in the affairs of men, a God who breathes life into the lifeless, who imparts wisdom to the seekers, who judges with equity, and who loves with an everlasting love.

Thus, a God-centered life is not merely an aspiration but a journey through the Word, where every verse is a step closer to the heart of the Eternal. It is a life lived in the shadow of the Almighty, under the guidance of His Spirit, and in the light of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.